

**Harper Happenings**  
**October 9th – October 13th 2017**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
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## **What's Happening**

### **Friday October 13**

- Get Buggy with Hi Touch/Hi Tech, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Harper Spirit Day! Wear your Harper spirit wear.
- Friday dismissal, 2:15 pm

### **Sunday October 15**

- Harper Hoedown Rain date

## **Coming Up/Reminders**

### **Monday October 16**

- October Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick
- Botanic Gardens Field Trip, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

### **Tuesday October 17**

- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

### **Wednesday October 18**

- Emily Oaks Nature Center Field Trip, Kindergarten
- D39 PASS, 7 pm, McKenzie Elementary School

### **Thursday October 19**

- Picture Retake Day
- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

### **Friday October 20**

- D39 Family Bingo Night, 6 pm, Masonic Lodge

### **Monday October 23**

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 5 pm
- Board of Ed Meeting, 7 pm, MEC

### **Tuesday October 24**

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 7 pm

### **Wednesday October 25**

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 5 pm

### **Friday October 27**

- Earth Balloon visits, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Saturday October 28**

- Buy Chipotle in Skokie, 4-8 pm, Youth Connection of Wilmette

### **Monday October 30**

- Kindergarten Halloween Celebration

### **Tuesday October 31**

- Halloween Parade, 9 am
- Early Release Day, 11:55 am grades 1-4, 10:00 am AM-Kindergarten

### **Friday November 3**

- The Harper Parent Social 8 pm-11 pm at The Kenilworth Club

## **Dr. Kick's Corner**

-Dogs are NOT allowed on school grounds. I know they are part of your family, but they can't be on school grounds. If you walk your child to/from school, your four-legged friend needs to remain OFF of school grounds. It doesn't matter if they are being carried or on a leash, they are not allowed on school grounds. This is a Village of Wilmette ordinance. Thank you for complying!

-Thank you for your generosity towards "Help for the Hurricane"!!! Harper raised \$1,133.00! The amounts district-wide are being added together, so a D39 total will be known this week. Many classrooms wrote letters of support to the victims of the hurricanes. The sweet thoughts of support brought tears to my eyes. Thank you for partnering with us to help our children learn how to be compassionate and giving individuals.

-Our tardies reduced this week! The average number of students tardy each day is 17. Although we would like to greatly reduce that, we are moving in the right direction! To the large majority of you who facilitate your child's on time arrival to school, thank you! If your child is struggling with on time arrival and you would like suggestions or help, please contact Sam Johnson, School Psychologist, Elena Ryan, Assistant Principal or me.

-D39 is offering free classes for adults who want to learn English. The sessions start next week on Thursday, October 12 from 5:00 to 6:00 at WJHS. See attachment.

-Community offerings:

<http://www.wilmette39.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=360930&pageId=993841>

-New Trier HS Football Schedule is posted online.

-Wilmette Ice Hockey Recreational House Leagues open for registration

-Wilmette Rotary Club hosts annual BIG BOOK DRIVE October 2nd - November 15th. Donate books at any D39 school.

-Loyola Ramblerettes host SPOOKTACULAR Dance Clinic for girls in grades 3-8. Register through October 13th.

## **Announcements**

- **Yee-haw! The Harper Hoedown is THIS Sunday, 11:30-2:30!** We have new carnival rides, along with all your favorite Hoedown activities. The raffle this year provides even more chances to win. Come hungry—we've added some delicious items to the menu. Pre-sale has ended, but tickets can be purchased at the door. If you bought tickets in advance, check in at the pre-sale sign. Wear your Harper Hoedown t-shirt for 5 free prize tent tickets. For event info [click here](#).
- **Wanted: Deputies to help at the Hoedown.** We still need a few volunteers to keep the lines short and run all of the games the kids love. Our biggest vacancy is the middle shift (12:30–1:45) for Concessions and Games. Teen alumni are also encouraged to help. Please spread the word, or click [here](#) to sign up for a time slot or two. Check out this video to see why your help is so important.



- **Feeling lucky folks?** Then be sure to get your Hoedown Raffle Tickets for a chance to win local prize bundles (examples below). Pick up your tickets at will-call and drop them into the bundle(s) you want to win (1 for \$10, 3 for \$20). Winners will be announced at the Hoedown at 2pm and need not be present. Lastly, if you have any donations for the prize tent, please bring those to the Harper lobby.
- **Get ready to upload Hoedown photos to the Yearbook.** If you haven't tried the ReplayIt app for uploading photos to the Yearbook, it's so easy. Attached is a guide on how to set it up. Download the app and give it a try <http://www.replayit.com> (password is HarperRocks).
- **Calling Harper School Parents! Thank you for your interest in helping with this year's Book Fair.** The Fair will take place from Monday October 23rd - Wednesday October 25th. Sign up for any 2 hour shift that works for your schedule. In the event you are unable to find a time that works for you, there will be an opportunity for you to come in to help during your child's class preview. We are looking forward to working with you, and raising funds to contribute to our amazing school. Many thanks, Michelle Baby, Sophie Candido, Laura Hirschtritt, Anne Stumpf, & Ali Wenzke. Volunteer for a time slot

here. Questions? Contact [bookfair@harperpto.com](mailto:bookfair@harperpto.com)

- **Want to buy books, and support our school? Visit the Scholastic Book Fair at Harper!** Profits from the Book Fair go right back into our school! Last year we purchased Little Bit Synth Kits, standing desks, iPad charging boxes with locks, and a class set of Almanacs, in addition to many new books. The Book Fair runs from Monday, October 23rd - Wednesday, October 25th in the Learning Commons. It includes a wonderful selection of engaging books for every reading level. Pre-order Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway, with the attached flyer. If you cannot come in person, visit the online book fair from October 18th-27th at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/harperelementaryschool>
- **Attention all 3rd grade families!** On Monday, October 16 your child will be taking the bus to the Chicago Botanic Garden and participating in their Pondering the Prairie program. They will explore the Garden's Dixon Prairie to learn about plant adaptations and ecosystem interactions. Please have your child dress for the weather as students will be outside, and pack a sack lunch!! This event is made possible by your contributions to iGNITE!
- **Book Character Pumpkin Contest!** Join in on Harper's First Learning Commons Book Character Pumpkin Contest. Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character! Pumpkins will be displayed in the Learning Commons from Thursday, Oct. 26 to Tuesday, Oct. 31 (NO CARVED PUMPKINS will be accepted). Students will vote for their favorite pumpkin on Halloween. Please see the attached flyer for more details.
- **Environmental Awareness "Green Corner"**- We responsibly fill our recycling bins each week but do you ever second guess yourself as to what goes where? For example, did you know that paper towels CAN NOT be recycled? They decompose quickly but they go in the trash. Here is a link for a quick refresher on what Wilmette will accept: <https://www.wilmette.com/engineering-public-works/refuse-recycling-and-yard-waste-program/recycling-collection/acceptable-recycling-materials/>
- **The first enrichment activity for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is coming up on 10/13!** Get Buggy with Hi Touch/Hi Tech. Second graders "discover the incredible world of bugs." Thanks to Harper PTO and Ignite!
- **Yearbook is looking for a few more class photographers.** We've had a great response but still need volunteers for Mrs. Beien, and Miss Brown's Class. Your classroom's editor will help coordinate efforts. Sharing the duties with others, you would capture some classroom moments and upload photos by Winter break. If this fun and flexible volunteer opportunity would work for you, please contact [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto:soniaesler@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Does your child have an October Birthday?** Don't forget to sign up for BIRTHDAY BOOKS! Kids love it and it's a great way to donate a new book to our beautiful library!
- **The October schedule is open for the Harper cafeteria!** Please consider volunteering from 11-12 pm, see your child and grab a lunch! Click [here](#) to volunteer!
- **Ignite!! Have you had a chance to donate yet? It's not too late!** Your donations go right back to your kids in the form of field trips, guest speakers, crossing guards, etc. It's

a fantastic way to allow your children to experience great things! Suggested donation is \$125.00 per child. Please go to the Harperpto.com website and donate today! This will allow us to start planning great events! Thank you to all that have donated thus far!

- **Join us for a rocking good time at The Harper Parent Social** from 8-11pm on Friday 11/3 at The Kenilworth Club. Live music by Van Houten, food and drinks are included. Buy tickets today by clicking [here](#).
- **Make dinner a selfless act and help support Youth Connection of Wilmette.** Come in to the Chipotle at 9408 Skokie Boulevard in Skokie on Saturday, October 28th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in this flyer ([www.youthconnectionwilmette.org](http://www.youthconnectionwilmette.org)), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Youth Connection of Wilmette, a non-profit District39 Partner serving Wilmette 5th-8th graders.

All announcements to be included in the Harper Happenings should be sent to Adriane McKnight via the Communication Request Form a [www.harperpto.com](http://www.harperpto.com) **by Mondays at 9 am**. If you do not receive an email response within 24hrs, please send an email to [adrianemcknight@gmail.com](mailto:adrianemcknight@gmail.com) to confirm your Communication Request Form was received.

**For more school information, visit the Harper PTO website:** [www.harperpto.com](http://www.harperpto.com)

**For additional D39 community events, visit:**

[http://wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=3&Itemid=179](http://wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=3&Itemid=179)